REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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Name of applicant/court:	Murray Richard Tingey
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	There are no Superparents
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Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
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Author:	Not Stated
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Country of Origin:	New Zealand
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

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Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Unrestricted.

Display conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The content of the booklet includes information about positive, non-violent parenting methods. Parents are initially empathised with since parenting is noted as being rewarding but also difficult and demanding. Self-esteem and the importance of caring for one's mental and physical health is stressed as are the danger signs one can identify with when not coping. A special section of the booklet caters to male parents and how they can deal with bad feelings towards their children and their own possible low self-esteem. Simple ways to help children learn are provided including caring for difficult or special kids. Child abuse in New Zealand, why child abuse happens, and breaking the cycle of violence are also addressed within the booklet. Contact telephone numbers and support groups are listed to assist parents needing to talk with specialist organisations in the prevention of child abuse. Also, the booklet provides a book reference for extra reading material for those who wish to further their knowledge base about relationships and parenting.

The material which lists acts never to be carried out on children and explores child abuse in New Zealand, is considered to be educational in encouraging parents to approach parenting in a positive, non-violent manner. The booklet's consistent theme is the promotion of positive, non-violent parenting.

In view of the positive content of the booklet and the intended purpose of the publication, the Classification Office finds that availability of the booklet is not likely to be injurious to the public good, therefore classifies *There are no Superparents* namely:

Unrestricted.

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